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## NEWS RELEASE

# Iowa Taxpayers Association Welcomes Branstad to Board Meeting; Encouraged by Jobs-Impact Statement Proposal

**(Friday, September 24, 2010) Des Moines** – This week the **Iowa Taxpayers Association** (ITA), the state's leading nonpartisan tax policy resource since 1935, welcomed former Governor Terry Branstad (R-Boone) to its quarterly Board of Directors meeting at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Branstad addressed the business leaders present and spelled out a proposal to ensure that all future legislation require a “jobs impact statement” and that all regulations affecting job creation be sunset. This past year 1,424 bills and study bills were filed, along with 84 resolutions and 1,068 amendments. ITA believes that it is important that fiscal notes (attached to proposed legislation) have a quantifiable method for projecting employment opportunities. ITA recognizes that Executive Branch leadership will be of paramount importance in 2011 and beyond to ensure that the 6.8% unemployment rate is reduced and that the legislature has a clear picture of what each proposed bill would do to job creation in the state.

As Iowa’s leading nonpartisan tax policy resource, ITA encourages both candidates for the Office of Governor to utilize the two remaining gubernatorial debates to outline long

term visions for job growth and a sustainable business tax climate. “As the rhetoric between gubernatorial candidates heightens, ITA encourages both contestants to keep the focus on sustainable 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs and Iowa’s overall business climate,” said Ed Wallace, President of the Iowa Taxpayers Association.

Governor Chet Culver (D-West Des Moines) declined the invitation to address the ITA Board of Directors.

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